

House Resolution 116 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

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1 A Resolution recognizing the importance of access
2 to the Iowa State Capitol in encouraging public
3 involvement in the legislative process.

4 WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution of
5 the United States guarantees the right of the people
6 peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government
7 for a redress of grievances; and

8 WHEREAS, critical to exercising these First
9 Amendment rights is the ability of the public to make
10 their concerns and grievances known directly to their
11 elected representatives; and

12 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Capitol, as the seat of
13 government, is where each session of the Iowa General
14 Assembly is held; and

15 WHEREAS, public engagement and involvement in
16 the legislative process through the ability of the
17 public to directly contact and engage their elected
18 representatives at the Iowa State Capitol should be
19 encouraged and facilitated; and

20 WHEREAS, reasonable access to the Iowa State
21 Capitol and the grounds surrounding the Capitol
22 provides an efficient way for the public to become
23 involved in the legislative process by making their
24 concerns and grievances known directly to their elected
25 representatives; and

26 WHEREAS, any unreasonable financial and other

1 restrictions should not be imposed on members of the
2 public seeking access to the Iowa State Capitol and
3 the grounds surrounding the Capitol for the purpose of
4 public engagement and involvement in the legislative
5 process; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
7 the House of Representatives strongly affirms that
8 access to the Iowa State Capitol by the public seeking
9 involvement in the legislative process is essential to
10 the public's exercise of their First Amendment rights
11 of assembly and petition and should be facilitated and
12 not be unreasonably restricted.